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MINISTRY OF LAW

(Legislative Department)

NOTIFICATION

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I

G.S.R. 233.—Whereas the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into certain matters connected with Hindu Public Religious Endowments in India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry (to be called the Hindu Religious Endowments Commission) consisting of the following persons, namely:—

Chairman

1. Dr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar

Members

2. Shri Sankar Saran, Retired Judge, Allahabad High Court.

3. Shri Mahabir Prasad, Advocate General, Bihar, Patna.

4. Swami Harinayanandan, General Secretary, Bharat Sadhu Samaj.

5. Shri P. Kameswara Rau, Retired Commissioner, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.

2. The terms of reference to the Commission shall be as follows:—

(a) To examine generally the institution of Hindu Religious Endowments and to recommend the classes of such endowments which should be treated as public religious endowments.

(b) To inquire into the manner in which Hindu Public Religious Endowments are being managed and the resources thereof are being utilised, and to recommend ways and means for the proper management of such endowments and the proper utilisation of their resources.

(c) In particular, to inquire into the manner in which holders of offices in relation to Hindu Public Religious Endowments are being chosen, whether by way of succession, nomination or otherwise.

- (d) To examine whether the existing arrangements in regard to the manner in which holders of such offices are being chosen are satisfactory and if not, to suggest ways and means for improving the same.
- (e) To inquire into and report on any other matter relevant to any of the matters specified above, which, in the opinion of the Commission, requires to be inquired into.

3. The Hindu Religious Endowments Commission shall hold its inquiry and submit its report to the Central Government by the 30th September, 1960.

II

In pursuance of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby directs that all the provisions of sub-section (2), sub-section (3), sub-section (4) and sub-section (5) of the said section shall apply to the Hindu Religious Endowments Commission.

[No. F. 211/59-Adm. I.]

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